

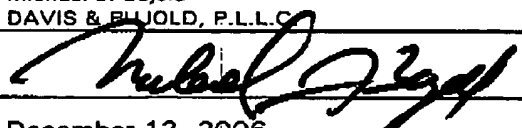

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On June 6, 2006 and on July 7, 2006, the Applicant filed two Information Disclosure Statement and inadvertently failed to certify, in both of those Information Disclosure Statements, that those references have only come to the attention of the Applicant within the last three (3) months. Accordingly, enclosed please find revised June 6, 2006 and revised July 7, 2006 Information Disclosure Statements which both contain the necessary certification. In view of this further submission and accompanying certification, it is respectfully submitted that the official fee for late submission of prior art is not necessary and a refund of the \$180.00 charge to our deposit account is now in error.

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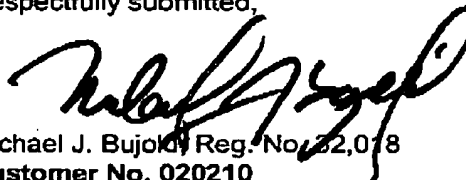
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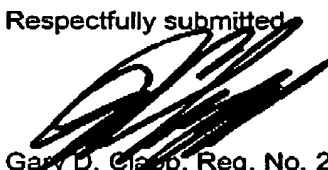
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Reconsideration of this requirement for election of species is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The Applicant believes that the present invention contains various embodiments of a single inventive concept. All 15 species contain the features presently recited in claim 52 which is currently generic to all of the species. Moreover, the Applicant believes that claim 52 is allowable and consequently all species of the invention should be prosecuted in one and the same application for efficiency reasons. It is respectfully submitted that all of the species of the invention represent similar ways of obtaining the same desired results disclosed within this application.

Notwithstanding the above, in order to fulfill the Examiner's request, the Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, to prosecute the species of the claimed invention shown in Figure 17 of the drawings. The Applicant also provisionally elects, with traverse, claims 52, 64, 65, 72 which are readable on the elected species to be prosecuted on the merits.

Further, the Applicant respectfully submits that the embodiments of Figure 18 is so closely related to the embodiment of Figure 17 so as to form, at the very least, a single embodiment along with the embodiment of Figure 17. That is, Figures 17 and 18, at the very least, are believed to disclose a single embodiment that, for efficiency reasons, should be prosecuted in one and the same application.

During further prosecution of this application, the Applicant reserves the right to elect additional claims currently pending claims as well enter new claims directed to the elected embodiment of Figure 17.

The Applicant does not waive any rights with respect to the non-elected species and does not intend to abandon that subject matter. If the Examiner makes the election requirement final, the Applicant respectfully requests that the non-elected species be withdrawn from further consideration but remain in this application subject to reinstatement, in the event that a generic claim is allowed, or for possible filing of a divisional application(s).

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the outstanding election of species requirement should be withdrawn and examination of all claims pending in this application, on the merits, is respectfully requested at the present time.

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